

Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures
Hydrants
603.02
Rev 9-1-82

PURPOSE

To establish operational procedures for checking and maintaining fire hydrants.

CITY FIRE HYDRANTS

All City of Tempe fire hydrants shall be checked once a year by the Fire Department during the month of April.

- A. During the April check, all hydrants shall be checked to ensure their location as indicated in the map books.
- B. Obstructions are to be noted during the April check with obstruction letters sent out, if necessary, with appropriate follow-up.
- C. Hydrants will be listed for painting during the April check. All hydrants listed for painting will be painted during May of the same year. City hydrants will be painted yellow and private hydrants will be painted red.
- D. In cases where weeds interfere with easy visual location of the hydrant, they are to be chopped and removed within a five-foot area of the hydrant.
- E. Hydrants found to be leaking, damaged, or missing shall be reported to the Water Distribution Department.
- F. Hydrant flushing, greasing, and weeding is a shared responsibility of the Fire Department and Water Distribution Department. Fire Department personnel will normally perform these functions at either of the following times:
 - . In conjunction with the April check.
 - . As assigned.

PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire hydrants located on private property will receive the same yearly maintenance as City of Tempe hydrants, after a letter of permission has been received by the fire chief.

- A. Check with shift commanders before any service is performed on hydrants located on private property.
- B. When flushing hydrants located on private property, you must be in the company of a representative of the City of Tempe Water Department. He must read the water meter before and after the hydrant is flushed and record his readings.